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1. The present political situation in Morocco is unfavorable for the advancement of the Nationalist cause according to source who says that their activities are at a stagnant level in the French and Spanish zones.
2. Communist propaganda is becoming increasingly effective, leading many Moslems to believe that the Nationalist leaders favor a common policy with the Communists, especially on the abolishment of censorship and the right to form trade unions.
3. Source feels that the Nationalists should combat this Communist propaganda by a program aimed at social rather than political reforms. The real physical needs of the poorer classes have been neglected, he says, in offering only politics without bread, education, or sanitation. He foresees no real counterbalance to Communist propaganda until Nationalist leaders sink their differences and agree to work for the people rather than for their personal interests.
4. In the matter of education source said that there had been considerable dissatisfaction among Nationalist party members, because few free schools had been established by them, although a good deal of money had been collected for the purpose. This was because some of the funds had been used clandestinely against the French. Source believes that it would be wiser, and more effective, for the Nationalist parties to place what money they have in establishing good schools, even if it meant having only two or three.
5. In source's opinion the Istiqlal Party is mainly dependent upon donations received from wealthy Moroccans who made their fortunes by exploiting the poorer classes and have, therefore, no interest in social reform. The Nationalist movement, he believes, is on evil ground when it takes support from those who are most responsible for the conditions which the Party seeks to correct. Source feels that strength of the movement will come only by a larger number of small contributions from the masses of the people.

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